

**From:** [Ruhl, Christopher](#)  
**To:** [McQuiddy, David](#); [Smith, Monica](#); [Petersen, Chris](#); [Broyles, Ragan](#); [Webster, Susan](#)  
**Cc:** [Delgado, Paige](#); [Moore, Gary](#)  
**Subject:** FW: West Fertilizer Plant Explosion, Information from Texas Dept. of Agriculture  
**Date:** Thursday, April 18, 2013 3:44:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Paige/Gary-

Here is some additional info from the Texas Department of Ag. Is there any way you can confirm whether they had pesticide/herbicide stored on site that could have been stored on site?

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**From:** Smith, Monica  
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**To:** Broyles, Ragan; Petersen, Chris; Smith, Monica; Webster, Susan; Hayes, Mark; Delgado, Eric  
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See below. Here is a link to the GrazonNext product.

<http://www.dowagro.com/range/products/grazonnext.htm>

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**From:** McMillan, Lee  
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**To:** Vargo, Steve  
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Here's the info you requested.

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**From:** Janet Fults [<mailto:Janet.Fults@TexasAgriculture.gov>]  
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**Subject:** West Fertilizer Plant Explosion

Just wanted you to know that Adair Grain Inc. (dba West Fertilizer Co.)  
was the plant that exploded last night.

This facility is a Producer Establishment for Dow AgroSciences for the product  
GrazonNext EPA Reg 62719-587. They are also a licensed Pesticide Dealer.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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